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Both Latoya **and** Ramona had high expectations for **Eliana**.

A dance club member in the front row overheard Ramona's words. She gave a scornful short and snapped, "If you want to watch, then watch quietly. Don't talk so much. So you think the tennis club's program is good? Then you may be in for a bitter disappointment. It is still not known whether the tennis clubs can perform **today!**"

Ramona choked on her milkshake, and a burst of liquid went spraying out. "What? What do you mean by disappointment? What happened?"

"Because their props have been destroyed. It's not known whether they can still proceed with their performance, the dance club member answered almost gleefully.

Ramona and Latoya blurted out in unison, "What?"

With everyone racing against time at the backstage, the stage props were finally assembled.

Stella straightened up with relief. "We did it

"How long is their program? Is it our club's turn now?" one guy asked.

Someone stuck his head over a book **and** saw that the dance club had just finished dancing.

The staff from the Outreach Department came **at this** juncture to check on the tennis club's progress. When they saw that the students had already finished assembling their props, the staff quickly waved them onto the stage.

The host upfront gave them an extra five minutes to get ready.

Stella helped to move the props with everyone. Before she ran off stage, she left some words of encouragement for Eliana. "Eli! Go for it!"

"Yeah! Eliana pumped her **fist** in reply. Now that the props and backdrop were in place, it was time for her to go **on** stage.

Thomas and his clique also cheered Eliana on. Then, they moved to the audience section to watch her performance.

After finishing their program. Natalia Jewell came down from the **stage** with her dance club members and happened to **pass** by **Eliana** on her **way**

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dance club members did not expect the tennis club to make it in time. They stopped on
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way down to watch Eliana go on stage.

The stage light seemed to be highlighting Eliana **as** she went up. It **was as** if the outcome of this battle **was** already **decided**.

They actually made it in time. Himplit They certainly **have** a lot of good luck

Yulida Laine and Willow Garcia exchanged looks before the former grumbled, "So what if they made it in time? Their program can never be **as** exciting as ours just wait and see"

Natalia simply pursed her lips and said nothing. For some reason, she had a had feeling that her club would lose this time.

That was the first time she had felt this way in the fifteen **years** she had been learning dancing-

Moreover, if she wasn't mistaken, the stylish suit and accessories Eliana was **wearing** looked similar to the famous bespoke set worn by Lucy Davis. She was the famed female lead of "Over the Top" who **was** widely acknowledged **as** the living legend of the dance world.

Startled, Natalia turned back abruptly for a second look at Eliana's costume. She recognized the distinctive lapel brooch **that** was sparkling brightly and that feather motif accessory on the bowler hat.

"Natalia, what's wrong? one member asked softly

in some cheap knockoff from the internet

accessories were merely knockoffs, how could they be so exquisite and sparkly? When the stage lights shone **on** those diamonds, they were sparkling so brightly.

Suddenly, Natalia thought of a possibility. Good Eliana Davis be the lost daughter who had just returned in the Davis family?

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Natalia's heart skipped a beat.

But before she could think further, Yulila said next to her ear, "Eliana is Willow's older sister. A **daughter**, the costume for 'Over the Top' is a bespoke set that the leading lady refused to part w

authentic costume.

not the Garcia family's biological

it possible for Eliana to wear the

"I heard that the leading lady turned down the museum's offer to acquire it, another dancer added confidently,

"Ordinary people can't even catch a glance of it, so how can Eliana get to wear it? Hers must be a cheap knockoff"

After listening to these members, Natalia felt a little better.

Besides, even if Eliana was wearing the authentic costume set, it didn't mean she could dance the Street Jazz competently.

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After the thunderous **applause** died down, the breezy jazzy music started playing as the curtain rose.

After the 1950s streetscape was lit up on the stage backdrop, the lights **changed** to show **Eliana** posing amidst a row of eye-**popping** Cadillacs with gleaming chrome work, swinging her diamond-topped walking stick playfully

The leger beauty in fish-riest stockings and a smart tailcoat tuxedo was a sight to behold. It took everyone's breath away.

On the large stage, she was dancing alone. With every leap and **sashay**, the exquisite jewelry on her costume and hat would sparkle with blinding brightness under the stage lights.

The audience was completely mesmerized. Every shot of her captured with the camera looked like some stylized movie poster.

Her dance certainly brought out the spirit encompassed in the program title “Street Jazz Razzmatazz”

Cameron Wright **was** sitting in the middle of the front row. Thomas Davis took the lead and began **applauding** madly. “Amazing!”

With him taking the lead, the audience also began applauding.

Cameron’s eyes never once left Eliana, but his slender hands were clapping furiously as well.

Banas **dating** seemed to make everyone drunk with sensual pleasure. Coupled with her captivating looks and teasing dance moves, she seemed to be seducing every member of the audience

The program lasted a total of three and a half minutes. Before everyone could get enough of it, Eliana had already finished her routine and was taking the curtain call.

Latoya and Ramona were extremely excited below the stage. “Awesome! Incredible!”

“Oh my god! She danced so well! Who said their club wouldn’t be **able** to perform today? Ramona was so excited **that** she crushed her cup of milkshake. No one knew if she did it on purpose, but the milkshake **sprayed** all over the heads of the dance club members in **the** front row.

“Hey What are you doing? Angry protests erupted.

Ramona rolled her eyes and wiped her hands casually. She **took** out the banner she had prepared from her bag and held it up with Latoya.

“We love **you**, Eliana David The **twins** began screaming like rabid fangirls

On top of that, **Kamuna** also rallied the other students of the Sports Institute to shout with her. Her voice grew increasingly louder. Those who

the **twins** were supporting some pop idol **at** a concert.

Wallace Quandt, who was sitting next to the **twins**, was at a loss **to** know what to do. He **raised** his hand to cover his face. He didn’t want to be

The four guys in the front row heard the commotion behind them. They turned around and saw the group of students from the Sports **Institute**.

When then two groups locked eyes, the animosity erupted at once. “Goodlord! It’s you **guys!**”

Eliana was about to leave the stage when she heard the commotion below the stage. She turned and caught sight of **Latoya** and Ramona holding a

Twins **Trally** came here with a banner. Eliana **was** astounded for **a moment** before she turned red with embarrassment. Then she hurriedly left the stage-

Thereafter, the best emerged and announced the **start** of the voting. The audience could vote for what they felt **was** the best program in today's Fall

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All members of the audience began chattering excitedly. "The final performance is so amazing. It almost makes me feel that such a small stage **is** not enough for her and the props"

"Yes, it was amazing. After watching her dance, I almost forgot what the program before hers was. Do you still remember?"

"It **was** some funk dance, wasn't it?"

"Can't remember now... The chattering went on endlessly,

The dance club members standing in the corner behind the curtains had also watched **Eliana** perform.

Apart from Natalia, almost no one else could understand the technical prowess Eliana displayed in **her** dance. They only felt that she danced quite

well

Only Natalia knew in her heart that **Eliana's** technical accomplishment in this Street Jazz dance was far beyond her expectations. It was almost comparable to a professional Street Jazz dancer. At any rate, it was definitely not the standard of an amateur.

All the dance club members stood there glumly

Willow spoke at this moment. "What... What's so good about that? The difficulty of our funk dance is higher!"

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“Thure right, Natalia. The difficulty of our funk alance is still higher. Moreover, there were so many of us on stage. We have the advantage of a lngger stage presence?” One dance member echoed similar sentiments..

“How can her solo dance be comparable to our coordinated group ilance? If the audience could see, they would definitely vote for us!

“The applause for us when we left the stage just now was much louder than hers. Whut’ s the big deal...” another said defiantly.

“Right Natalia..

Natalia hatted her eyelashes a few times speechlessly

She didn’t want to admit that they had lost, but **as a** professional dancer, she couldn’t go against her conscience and say that Eliana didn’t dance well

in dancing?

Therefore, Natalia turned to Willow with a quizzical look. “Didn’t you say that she doesn’t have any foundation in

Willow gulped nervously. 1. I don’t know when she learned it either. Honest, she doesn’t have any

Someone speculated, “Could it be that Eliana found a teacher to teach her?”

foundation in dance.

“But Natalia already said that other than Street Jazz dance legend Quinella Leicester, no other instructor can nurture a student’s ability to such a Inch standard in such a **short** time!

“Moreover, Quinella Leicester no longer accepts students. So how can **Eliana** be taught by her?” Another member was quite puzzled.

“Strictly speaking. not that Quinella Leicester doesn’t accept students anymore. She will only **accept** one final protégé,” Natalia explained

“Six years ago, Quimella Leicester **said** that the last protege she accepted would have to pass **very** stringent criteria.”

As soon as the members heard Natalia, everyon fell silent

that case, if Eliana was truly taught by Quinella, wouldn't that **mean** she had passed Quinella's very high standards!

There were already very few dancers **who** could meet Quinella's standards, let alone become her protégé. Eliana would need to possess extraordinary talent for Quinella to accept her as her final protégé.

Yulila clenched her fists and **insisted**, "That's impossible. Eliana **can't** possibly be learning from Quinella. Everyone, don't be discouraged. She **just** has better props than us."

Willow nodded vigorously "That's right. Besides, the results are not out yet. We will definitely win!"

The dance club had won for so many years. How could **Eliana possibly** break their winning streak all by herself? The mere thought of this **idea** made all the members feel very indignant.

However, Trality

was cruel. When the voting results were fully out, the tennis club won by a landslide, just as Natalia feared.

After the

results were announced, the tennis club members jumped with joy. "We won! We won! **That's great!**"

Stella was so elated she hugged Eliana tightly. "Li, we won!"

You have done our tennis club proud! This is the first time we have felt so vindicated. We've finally defeated the dance club **at** the Fall

are if the dance club members are still so corky when they bump into us next time!" One guy whooped with joy.

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Everyone crowded around Eliana.

in a lot of effort since she had been practicing hard until this moment. Now that she had finally helped the club win the contest she was naturally very happy

She also felt that her tough training in her previous life had not gone to waste. Although her Street jazz performance **was** not broadcast on television, she had danced in front of so many viewers from both the university and outside the **university**. Her efforts were not in **vain**.

Oh, rightt Now that the contest is over,
nally settle the score with the One guy balled his fists.

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“The staff from the Outreach Department told us they had checked the surveillance footage near indeed gone backstage the night before. However, that person was wearing a mask and hat. They footage.

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tify who it was **in** the surveillance

Stella interjected. “But the stud earring that Eli saw backstage is solid evidence! The staff from the Outreach Department **have** investigated and have decided to make public this matter on stage. They must severely punish the perpetrator of such a terrible deed!”

“Great! Let’s go listen to the announcement, one member urged

“I

want to know who is **that** asshole responsible.” Everyone hurried to the audience area.

At this moment, the stage was already empty when the Outreach Provost went on stage and took the microphone to make **an** announcement...

“Ladies and gentlemen, please wait a moment. Although the Fall Festival has ended, we encountered a terrible incident today. In order to be fair to all the teams, we’ve decided to **announce** the findings of our investigation on the spot.”

If the incident had occurred to other clubs, the Outreach Department would **have** settled it behind closed doors

However, most of the members of the tennis club were **not** to be trifled with, not to mention that there were a few big shots in the tennis club.

Since some of these students friends **and** family members were also in the audience, the Outreach Department decided to make a public announcement to settle the matter once and for all.

As soon as the Outreach Provost said this, all the members of the audience filed back in to the seating area

Wallace Quandt and his clique also returned to their seats in anticipation..

“Some of you may not be aware of this yet. Before the festival contest started, an unprecedented tragedy befell the winning club of this year’s **Fall** Festival, the Tennis Club. The props they intended to use on stage were maliciously destroyed.”

Most of the audience members were students of Isonstead University, and a soft uproar rippled through the audience. “What? Their props were destroyed! This is too much. We almost **didn’t** get to watch their exciting dance.”

The **dance** club members were gathered in one corner of the audience **section**. Natalia crossed her **arms and** looked calmly at the Outreach Provost speaking on stage. As long as the dance club wasn’t behind this, she **wasn’t** bothered.

Unbeknownst to her, someone from the dance club was indeed responsible for this deed,

The Outreach Provost suddenly directed his attention to her, “**Natalia**, you’re the **president of the** dance club. Please explain to everyone what’s going on.”

Natalia’s heart tensed up, and her expression was a little flustered. “What? What do you want me to explain!”

“Didn’t you know? In the surveillance footage, the **person** who destroyed the tennis **club’s** props emerged from the backstage **area reserved** for your dance club. However, the perpetrator was wearing a **mask** and hat, so no one could identify **that** person. As the president of the dance club, can you please explain how that happened?”

Natalia stared at the Outreach Provost in complete bewilderment.

Behind her, Willows expression dulged slightly. It did not occur to her that the organizer would settle **this** matter in such a public fashion

The Outreach Provost invited Eliana on stage to show the evidence. Eliana took out the crystal stud earring that she **had** found at the scene

in Lure **you** are very familiar with this stud earring. This item belongs **to** one of your club members. Natalia, as the president, if you cover up the perpetrator, the university will take disciplinary action **against** the entire club”

tala hadled **from** the rich jewell **family**, **so disciplinary** action would not **affect** her that **much**.

However, most of the members of the dance club came **from** ordinary families. Any disciplinary action would affect them severely, especially students were detained for one academic year.

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stricken. “Was it really our member? Who destroyed the tennis club’s propi? Own up n
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stud earring looks very familiar to me. I think I’ve seen Willow wear it before”

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All eyes locked on Willow. “Willow, if you dare to do it, you have to **take** responsibility. Since **you’ve** done it, step forward and own up. Don’t implicate everyone!”

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Everyone pointed their fingers at Willow. **She** panicked for a moment **and** looked at Eliana on the stage.

Eliana only stared **back** from the stage indifferently.

When Natalia saw Willow’s reaction, the gravity of the matter finally sank in. The Outreach Provost took the stud earring and handed it to Natalia She held it in her hand and examined it closely before turning to Willow with a stern expression. “Willow, how are you going to explain **this?**”

Willow gritted her teeth. “This stud earring....”

Everyone’s eyes bored into her as Willow’s voice trailed off. Even the members of the audience were also staring at her.

Willow hung her head. Her hair concealed her face and her expression was lost in the shadow under the light. This stud earring is indeed mine

An uproar erupted at once. So the dance clubs was responsible! I say? This is simply too despicable: How can she do such a thing? It's just a festival program held within the university. She **can't** even compete fairly with a competitor on the same stage. Who knows what she is capable of after she graduates and starts working!"

"She has indeed gone overboard. To think that she will resort to **such** unscrupulous methods just to **win**"

"Willow Garcia doesn't look like such a person. I'm surprised she's responsible for this deed." One **student was** incredulous.

You can't **judge** a book by its cover.

Natalia couldn't believe her ears either. "Willow, why did you do such a thing"

Willow clenched her fists and did not say anything.

On the stage the Outreach Provost continued. "The Fall Festival is organized by the Outreach Department. Now that the real culprit has **owned** up, in all fairness to the tennis club, we will mete out the appropriate disciplinary action. Willow **Garcia's** act of vandalism to sabotage the tennis club's program **and props** is totally unbecoming and unacceptable."

The Sports Insulture students were lurking in the back row of the audience seats and enjoying the spectacle thoroughly.

Someone began probing "What appropriate disciplinary action? I hope this fellow is not just paying lip service on the stage and then hushing up the matter privately!"

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that's right. Since there's going to be disciplinary action, tell us what it will be now! Let all of us hear it!"

"Yeah" Tell us that so-called appropriate disciplinary action" The endless **clamor** grew louder.

The commotion below the stage put the Outreach Provost on the spot.

At first, the organizing committee wanted to wrap up this matter in private, but now, to convince the public, he had to make the committee's intention public

After lactating for a few seconds, the Outreach Provost could only announce publicly, "**As** the deed involved is grievous, we will report the perpetrator to the university first **and** then heavily censure her. Nonetheless, we **will** still **conduct an in-**

depth investigation concurrently. Once the truth has been corroborated, the perpetrator may be put on probation”

Probation was a harsh punishment with potentially severe consequences, such as getting detained for one **year**.

Moreover Willow was just a freshman **this** year. If she made any more **mistakes** in the future, she would probably face expulsion from the Huvenay “This disciplinary action **was** indeed **harsh**.

The dance club members exchanged glances worriedly. Natalia pursed her lips. She also felt that this disciplinary action was a little too harsh.

Mulila was standing next to Natalia and presently, she was staring glumly at Willow and feeling very conflicted. She kept muttering softly, “Say

something Say something

However, Willow did not say anything

Natalia noticed that Willow kept her head lowered **as** if she was contrite.

This was not the Willow Garcia Eliana knew in the past. Was she simply admitting her guilt without a fight? Something **was wrong**. Something was

Willow had not shown all her cards yet!

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The Outreach Provost handed the microphone to the host and prepared to leave the **stage**.

At this juncture, all the members of the **audience also** got up **to leave**.

However, at this moment. Yulila suddenly ran up the stage, snatched the microphone, and said loudly, “It’s not what you think!”

Everyone was shocked

The Outreach Provost frowned deeply. “What **are** you doing?”

Another uproar erupted amongst the audience once more. This time even the host and Outreach Provost on

“What’s going on! There is yet another plot twist **Many** people were baffled.

With her eyes firmly on Willow. Yubila dropped a bombshell. “Actually, Willow wasn’t responsible. I was the ΠΙΠΕ who did it

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stage were taken

taken aback.

Willow, who had kept her head low all this while, suddenly raised her head. She directed her words to Yulila “Yulilat **What** are you doing? Come down quickly!”

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with red-rimmed eyes

Volila replied with a pained expression, “Willow, don’t take the blame for me. I was the perpetrator.”

She explained to everyone, “Actually, Willow gave me that pair of stud earrings a long time ago. That night, I went backstage and **sprayed** water on the tennis club’s props. You guys have misunderstood Willow

“Willow is a kind girl. She protected me and helped me **take** the blame, but I am not someone who has no **guts** to **own** up to my actions! I **was** responsible. Willow doesn’t know anything. If disciplinary action will be taken, then I should be the one to receive it.”

Eliana narrowed her eyes and suddenly chuckled under her breath.

What an impressive show of sisterly love. This seemed **more** in line with what Willow would do.

In that instant. Eliana understood everything. Willow **was** best at instigating and acting pitiful

Of course, she had also burned many bridges after crossing them.

Willow would never be so dumb as to carry out acts of sabotage in person. If Eliana’s guess was correct, Willow must have instigated Yulila to destroy the props.

It would be best if dry were not found out, But now that they had been found out, Willow simply let things take their natural course, knowing very well that Yulila was an outspoken person.

She pretended to keep silent and take the blame for Yulila. However, she knew very well that Yulila would step forward to own up and exonerate Willow. Thus was in line with Yulila's character.

If Yulila had been a sinister scheming person, she wouldn't **have** been dumb enough to publicly block Eliana's way in the corridor last time.

When terms like "good person" and "kind girl" were uttered by other people, they were much more effective than if she kept up a pretense every day.

There were so

many attendees at this festival. Once today's incident spread, **everyone** on campus would know the next **day** that Willow Garcia **was a** good person who didn't hesitate to take the blame and accept harsh disciplinary action for her good buddy.

In the future, everyone would praise Willow for being so kind and wonderful. Eliana also wanted to applaud Willow.

Willow yelled loudly from below the stage, "Yulila! Don't be silly. Come down quickly. I was responsible."

Yulila shook her head and spoke through the microphone. "I did it. I was responsible for everything. Why would Willow do something like this? She mended her relationship with Eliana all along and looked upon her as her elder sister. It's impossible for her to carry out such a deed. Hate Eliana Davis, so was the one who wanted to ruin her performance. If the **organizer** wants to punish anyone, they should **punish** me."

she glared at Eliana

who was not far away. "Eliana, a vicious **person like** you has a kind sister like Willow, **yet you** don't know **how** to cherish

That girl had been taken for a ride and she still paid the full fare. Eliana **found** it hilarious that she couldn't help **laughing** out **on** the

stage

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In Yulilo's view, Elana's laugh was mocking her. She glared at Eliana and fumed with hatred.

Things had become too confusing now. The Outreach Provost took the microphone back and said, "There will be an investigation after this. **Yulila**. Willow, it doesn't matter who is responsible as we will launch a thorough investigation.

Vudila left the stage without another word

Eliana gave a wry smile as she turned to Willow still standing below the stage. There was a tinge of teasing in her eyes.

Willow met her gaze squarely and a dark glint flashed across her eyes.

The two of them locked eyes in this manner from afar. The atmosphere felt strangely creepy. It was as if they were archenemies who knew each other the best

Vulila's confession caused a big upheaval. She had been in the dance club for two years. No one expected her to be the perpetrator. After she left the stage, every dance club member swarmed to her

Though Eliana did not manage to finish off Willow this time, she did not feel too much regret. In the first place, Eliana **k** never have made **such** a huge slip-up, so she was not holding out too much hope.

Everyone present assumed the matter had finally come to a **close**.

To everyone's surprise, the tennis club's senior in charge of the school belle competition walked on

knew that Willow would

this

moment

onto the stage with a microphone at

the end, there's one more thing I need Willow

"Ladies **and** gentlemen, please wait a moment. Now that the props sabotage incident **has** come to Gama of the dance club to clarify in public"

Members of the audience perked up again in anticipation of more explosive revelations and rushed back to their seats. If this were a ticketed event, they would have gotten more than their money's worth now. There were so many scandalous exposés!

The senior gave Eliana a look of reassurance. Then, she turned to Willow and asked. “Willow, you’re currently in first place for the second round of the school belle competition. The voting for the second round will end tomorrow, so I have to ask you today?”

Willow clenched her fists slightly but still smiled. **Please** go ahead”

The senior began explaining. “Three **weeks** ago, we checked the votes you received and found some discrepancies. We found that most of the

pooints that voted for you did not originate from IP addresses within the **campus** but from the south district of the city. **Are you** aware of this?”

Willow a your niggig had been discovered! After the initial **panic**, she quickly calmed d own.

Previously, the guy who helped her with the vote rigging had promised her that the student organizers of the school belle competition were not Had IT–savvy s it was impossible for them to discover the fraudulen votes. Even if **they** discovered signs of vote–rigging, they wouldn’t be able to

Therefore, as long **as** she didn’t admit it, the university wouldn’t be able to do anything to her without evidence.

Wallow replied with a baffled expression. “I don’t know Could there be a **mistake**? What south district? I don’t know **anything** about that

The armor nodded. “Alright, since you say you don’t know, let me elaborate. The number of votes you received increased drastically **last** week. Compared to the votes Elana ired, you have an almost **unassailable** lead.

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the complaint, we investigated and found that most of the accounts that voted for you were new accounts that had just been contiver the last farce days. Moreover, their real IP addresses were found to have originated from outside the school campus. Are you also

Tin tot acare” Wallow had been **so** indent on overtaking bliana that she did not **take** sufficient pr

precautions to **cover**

she was too pagrilisive back then. If she **had** known, she would **have** executed her plan slowly.

She could only stand firm

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smor already suspected that Willow would not come clean. Therefore, Eliana had a backup plan

appeared on the big screen behind her. Every small red dot on the map was

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pointing to a location accurate to within a five-yard radius.

Willow was completely dumbfounded when she saw this map.

The senior smiled faintly and said. "The red dots indicate the actual locations of the IP addresses that I found with the assistance of a few other

"Judging from these locations, more **than** one-third of your votes originate from the same computer. Willow, what else do you have to say now!"

For the third time, an uproar broke out in the audience.

"More than a third of the votes came from the **same** computer at the same IP address? If this isn't vote rigging, what is it?"

To think that earlier, I had thought **that** this person called Willow **Garcia was** kind-hearted. But now it seems that she is capable of such underhanded tricks."

"Isn't she playing us for a fool I knew it. Everyone in my dormitory **block** voted for **Eliana Davis**. My friends **also** voted for Eliana Davis. So why is Willow Garcia still in first place? Who within the campus voted for Willow Garcia! It turned out that her votes were rigged!"

"Maybe her extended family helped her? Who knows! I even registered my parents' cell phone numbers to cast votes for Eliana Davis.

"I'm speechless. Willow Garcia still refuses to admit it. What's the difference between this and cheating?"

And the condemnation poured forth **endlessly**.

Willow never thought that the organizer was able to track down the real IP addresses. She had been given the assurance that no one could trace the IP addresses, unless...

Jaerod Geert must have helped them.

Jarrood was a genius in the School of Computer Science. Other than him, no one else would be able to find out.

Willow truly hated Eliana now. Originally, **she** intended to enlist Jarrood's help but that guy took **Eliana's** side. Now, these people had even found where the extra votes originated from. It seemed that she could no longer feign ignorance this time.

In the next instant, an idea popped into her mind **and** she quickly changed **tack**.

She lowered her head. When she raised it again, her eyes were almost teary and pitiful. She said, "I'm sorry, I'm sorry. I really don't know what's going on... Could it be **that** someone maliciously rigged these votes in my favor and **wants** me to be disqualified?"

"Everyone, please believe me. I'm not the kind of person who does **such** things. Eliana, I want to reconcile with you all along. I will never do **such** things behind your **back** Surely you know that I'm not the kind of person who does such things, don't **you**? Please speak up for me..."

So she wanted Eliana do

a to speak up for her. Then Eliana would fulfill her **wish**.

Speak up for her. "Willow, someone **must** be

When Yulila and the other dance club members saw Willow crying so piteously, they **quickly** tried to **speak** up playing tricks on you behind your back! We all believe you!"

"Everyone in our dance club voted for Willow. She has plenty of supporters. Why does she **need** to rig votes?"

"There must be a misunderstanding another member claimed.

It had **to** be said that the dance club members were quite united.

What was supposedly a denouncement of Willow rigging **her** votes had now been manipulated to become a conspiracy about **other** people maliciously framing the innocent Willow for vote rigging to get her **disqualified** from the competition

That was a masterstroke in terms of putting a **positive** spin on this incident.

However, what **Eliana** said next in an indifferent tone pierced Willow's heart right through her. "Willow, it seems like you have enemies. It's probably not cheap to pay for vote rigging. The number of **votes** involved is tens of thousands.

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“To think that someone was prepared

to spend a

so much money to screw **you**. You are quite a **hated** character, aren't you?

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Eliana's words stabbed right into Willow's heart

Willow had spent so much money to ensure she could be the school belle of Isonstead University. Yet now, instead of being the school belle, she had become a joke!

Tens of thousands of bucks had gone down the drain, yet she could **only** suffer in silence.

Not only could she not say anything, but she also had to continue to feign ignorance and act clueless,

“I honestly am not **aware**. I'm sorry. I have ruined the fairness of the competition, but I honestly don't know anything about this.

“Although I can afford to pay for vote-rigging isn't it better if I use this sum of money to treat my **friends** to a feast? Why would I be so dumb **as** to **pay** for vote-rigging when I know it's wrong? Please believe me?”

The senior had underestimated Willow's shamelessness. She had thought that the evidence was indisputable. Yet Willow was able to twist the truth in her favor.

In all fairness, the senior **had** to admit that there **was** indeed a chance of malicious actors **framing** Willow for vote rigging to get her disqualified from the competition.

The dance club members were clamoring loudly. “Since there's another culprit, you should clear Willow's name

That's right. Willow will never do such things”

“She was so kind-hearted **just** now and even helped Yulila take the blame. She would never do such a thing” The supportive voices grew louder.

"I think someone is secretly rigging these votes to harm her! I don't have to tell you who it is

The senior on the stage was speechless **as** she exchanged **glances** with Eliana.

Eventually, the senior could only concede. "Alright, since that's the case, our competition **committee** will invalidate all the fraudulent votes. Willow, you don't have any objections, do **you?**"

After all the fraudulent votes were removed, the offending IP addresses would be blocked too.

The tens of thousands of bucks Willow spent had gone down the drain. If she had known earlier, she would not have embarked **on** this strategy. In the end, it was all for nothing

Willow found it hard to rejoice, but under these circumstances, not getting disqualified from the competition **was** already the best possible

She forced a **smile** and said, "Alright, thank you very much. I want to i

Now that the two debacles were over, everyone **could** finally leave.

After the vote count w

to thank everyone who spoke up for me. Thank you, everyone."

vote count was adjusted to weed out fraudulent votes, Willow instantly dropped from first place to seventh place. Although **she** did not drop out of the top ten, the gap between her and Eliana was too big. It would be very tough for her to catch up now, **much** less

After all the boo-ha died down. Eliana walked off i

the stage and was surrounded by the tennis club members.

was a case of double jubilation. Not only did Eliana help the tennis club win **first** place in the Fall Festival, but she also secured first **place** in the

and round of the whoolbelle competition

Everyone knew **that** once any candidate secured first place in the second round, she was assured of a good ranking in the third round.

Besides, Elana had performed the "Street Jazz Razzmatazz solo tonight. Many viewers below the stage could appreciate the

so that number of votes for Eliana would definitely skyrocket **after** the performance.

Who else could still compete with her for first place on the school belle rankings? "Eli, you're amazing **one** guy cheer!"

"Earlier, the dance club members were so smug. Now, all the fraudulent votes cast for the effort and talent and talent

Garcia have been **removed**. Let's **see** if they're still

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smug!

As they were chattering. Stella felt someone tugging at her arm.

Stella turned around and saw Natalia Jewell walking toward her with the rest of the dance club members.

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The tennis club members immediately rallied around Eliana defensively. **A human** wall of guys lined up next to **Eliana** and Stella. The sight formed a sharp contrast with the group of girls from the dance club

One tennis club member whispered, "**What** are they doing here??"

"Maybe they want to settle scores with us because they are sore losers?" someone joked.

"Bring it on then. I'm not afraid of them."

However, the guys were thinking too much. **Natalia** was not a sore loser, and she was not here to cause trouble

Natalia headed straight for Eliana. Her gaze calmly swept over the dance costume Eliana was still wearing. She then asked, "Eliana, who taught you how to dance Street **Jazz!**"

Incidentally, Eliana was wearing the protégé's pearl inlay bracelet that Quinella Leicester **had** given her **earlier**.

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“Why are you **asking** this!” Eliana replied warily.

Natalia batted her eyelids slowly and her rosy lips were **tremulous as** she said, “I’m just curious. You don’t seem like someone who has not foundation in dancing. Although the dance clubs lost today, I didn’t lose to you. From a **professional** point of view, I can see the shortcomings in your technique, but the laypeople can’t. I’m very curious to know who taught you.”

Before Eliana **could** answer her, a crisp clear voice rang out from afar. “Quinella Leicester

All eyes turned

to Latoya and Ramona, the Yardley twins, as they led a group of students from the Sports Institute toward them.

Not far away from them, Cameron Wright and his clique were also strolling over,

Latoya repeated loud and clear, “Qui–nel–la Leicester!”

Ramoru **stuck** out her chin. “That’s right!”

After getting her answer, Natalia closed her eyes momentarily. It **was** indeed Quinella Leicester.

In fact, before she came to ask, she already had her own conjecture in her heart. **However**, she was unwilling to believe that **Eliana** was so lucky **that** she **could** receive Quinella’s teaching. Thus, she had to verify in person.

“Quinella Leicester! Our president already said that Quinella Leicester was no longer teaching. Even if you guys want to lie, **you** should at least do some research, okay? Besides, if you can claim that Quinella Leicester is her instructor, I can also claim that I am the student of our **country’s Prima Ballerina Assoluta?**” someone retorted scornfully

Latoya and Ramona burst **out** laughing in **response**. They ignored the smart Alec and looked at **Natalia instead**. “Natalia Jewell, would **you** like to explain?”

Natalia turned her head slightly to look at the smart Alec behind her. “They’re Quinella Leicester’s **proteges**”

The Yardley twins had been receiving Quinella Leicester’s one–on–one coaching since they were y

young because their **mother was Quinella's** best

as more qualified than

Therefore, the **Yardley twins** were not just Quinella's protégés, but they were also her goddaughters. No one in this world was their twins to make claims about Quinella

e twins of the Yardley family had been **learning dancing** from a young age. In addition, they were the daughters of **wealthy families**. in the same social circle as the Jewell **family**. The Yardley **twins and** Natali were acquainted since they were young. Although they were not on

ch other, they had nonetheless known each other for more than ten **years**.

Instantly, the smart Alec blushed and did not dare to **speak again**.

Hatala then turned to Eliana and chuckled. Hmph! You're really hucky Quinella Leicester stopped teaching a long time ago. How did you convince

relit larkanged to Elana's b

ana's brother. It **was** all thanks to Owen that Eliana could get to meet Quinella.

his juncture. Kamina interested, "Why does Eliana need to convince her! A great teacher will naturally recognize a talented student. Ms.

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Leicester has taken Eli under her wings. Eli is officially Ms. Leicester's last protégé."

Latoya nodded. "She's our fellow protégé, so we're here today to cheer her **on**

Everyone **was** dumbstruck. Quinella had accepted Eliana as her last protégé? This was equivalent to receiving an earth-shattering buff

The jaws of all the dance club members dropped. "What?"

After the initial shock, Natalia laughed. Then she shook her head. "Eliana Davis, you're truly the biggest surprise I have encountered after returning from overseas Good, very good indeed. Since Quinella Leicester has taken a fancy to you, I'm curious to see what kind of accomplishments you can achieve in the future. There's still a long way to go. I look forward to seeing you on the stage of the Nelumbo Award."

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“Nelumbo Award!” Latoya and Ramona froze when they heard this term.

The Nelumbo Award was the m

most prestigious dance award in the country. It was an honor that every professional dancer dreamed of winning

Hundreds of dancers vied for this award that was given out in biennial competitions. However, only one dancer could win it.

Natalia deliberately said this as a sarcastic riposte to mean that Eliana could never win the Nelumbo Award in her lifetime.

After this, she left with a flourish as the other **dance** club members hurried after her.

Stella asked timidly, “**What’s** the Nelumbo Award?”

Latoya explained. “The Nelumbo Award is the most prestigious dance award in the cour

country. The competition is held once every two years and it’s the most coveted award for all professional dancers. **My** sister and I will also sign up to participate in the Nelumbo Award competition next year.”

Ramona grumbled, “**Natalia likes** to mock other people, doesn’t she? I didn’t know she could be **so** mean. Eli, you don’t have to listen to her

Ehana wasn’t obsessed with dancing. She only learned Street Jazz **because** she wanted to play the role well. In fact, she dared not claim to be a “professional dancer”

Therefore, Natalia’s sarcasm did not **have** any effect on **Eliana**. An award like the Nelumbo Award was only important to those who learned dance more diligently than Eliana. For Latoya and Ramona, who had learned dance since **they** were young, it was probably the biggest deal in their lives.

Ramona reassured Eliana. “Don’t worry. Natalia will **also** participate in next year’s Nelumbo Award. Watch us we defeat her on stage!”

Eliana smiled. “Good **idea**”

With the conclusion of the Fall **Festival**, Landon gave a suggestion. “The Fall Festival is over. We’ve won a huge victory and broken the dance clubs winning streak over the past few years. Let’s go out and **have** a good feast tonight **to** celebrate!”

All members of the tennis club instantly **gave** their raucous approval.

Although only Eliana went on stage tonight, the other members also made substantial contributions behind the scenes. Naturally, they wanted a share of the glorious reward of their victory. "Hooray!"

"Great! I want to eat roasted lamb one glutton yelled out.

Landon grinned. "Sure. Let's go to the Bounty Bistro. I've already made a reservation"

Latoya and Ramona **also** wanted to join in the fun. "Hey, **bring us along?**"

In the end, all the students from the Sports Institute also clamored to join in. "We want to go too, Wallace. Let's go together!"

However, Wallace Quandt rolled his eyes, adjusted his **cap**, and **said** icily. "If you **guys** want to go, you can go by yourselves. How boring" With that. Wallace unode of.

At first, the Sports Institute students were **taken** aback. Then, they lunged and collectively grabbed Wallace and dragged him back. "Come on Wallacet Join us! Hey, Landon, we'll drive there ourselves

Ila **tapped** Eliana's shoulder **and** said **softly**. "Eli, quickly remove your stage **makeup** and change your clothes. We'll meet you outside later.

"Okay Eliana earned happily

After the props were put away and Eliana had changed out of her costume, the whole group drove off to the **Bounty Bistro** in their

respective

As night fell, on a lawn decorated with strings of lights, everyone was roasting bub legs under the rustic pavilion. There were also plenty of other

was hard to imagine that the students from the Sports Institute and the tennis club members could sit the same table. Thisigh they were playing drinking games, they were also bickering at the same time. Wallace was very sullen, but whenever he lost, he was game enough **to** accept

All throughout, Latoya and Ramona kept laughing at all the losers.

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The atmosphere **was very** amicable. It was hard to imagine that these students were going.

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After a while, Ramona sat beside Eliana with two bottles of peach-flavored fruit beer. She opened in mile and placed it in front of Eliana.

“El. I have checked with the cheerleaders regarding that last incident. They said that so meone told them that you were a nasty girl who liked to bully other club members. That was why they wanted to teach you a lesson”

As the peach-flavored fruit beer was poured into the glass, an aromatic chilliness air wafted out. Before long, a layer of condensed water droplets formed the wall of the glass.

Looks like someone from your campus is stirring up trouble behind your back. Fortunately, you’re not injured”

Elana took a big gulp of the fruit beer before replying **calmly**, “Yes, I know who it is?”

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Eliana already knew that the cheerleaders of the Sports Institute were instigated by Willow Garcia

“Who is 11! Don’t tell me it’s that girl who rigged her votes, Willow **Garcia**?” Ramona asked with a frown

Eluna raised her eyebrows. “Why do you **say** that? Do you think it’s her?”

Ramona blinked at her and replied cheekily, “It’s my gut feeling. Is my gut feeling **accurate**?”

Eliana laughed with amusement. “It’s quite accurate”

True enough, only girls could **sense** the **subtle** differences among those of their own **gender**. Some people exuded certain vibes which straightaway turned people off during their first meeting, despite having no prior contact.

“That one is not easy to deal with. I hate people who pretend to be pitiful,” Ramona grumbled.

It’s fine. There’s still time. Well just **play** along Eliana **gave a** knowing smile.

“Hahahaha.....” Ramona roared with **laughter again**.

A guy who did not know better shouted out, "Fuck, I thought a dinosaur was roaring. It scared me shitless."

Hamona instantly stopped laughing and lunged at the joker. "Tony Leed, **you** must be tired of **living**"

Then Eliana heard the sound of riotous shouting and running **all** over the place.

Before long, the hapless guy was cornered by Ramona and given a good drubbing.

"Dear Goddess, please spare my life! I **was wrong!**"

"Pray harder Ramona pummeled on mercilessly.

Eliana burst out laughing **and was** about to **take** another g

gulp of the fruit beer when her phone rang. The call **was** from her brother Owen,

He was probably **calling** to check on her and also to ask why she **wasn't** back at **such** a late hour.

Eliana hurriedly took her phone and ran to a quiet place to answer the call. "Hello, Owen ."

"Eluna: it's already so late. Why aren't you back yet? Is **the** performance over!"

"Owen, we're celebrating outside. I won! Heber Eliana giggled happily

"I know **you** will definitely win, but it's already so late, Eliana. You have to pay more attention to your safety. Who are you hanging **out** with?"

With..." Before

Eliana could answer, the drubbing at the other side of the pavilion intensified.

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"Argh Goddess, oh my Goddess, I beg you for forgiveness another voice wailed.

kliaana paused and quickly covered her phone's mic so that Owen could not hear the ruckus. However, she was too late. Owen already overheard merryything. "Fluna, what's going on over there?"

Eliana smiled ruefully "Town, it's nothing. They're fooling around at the **back**. I'm just hanging out with Thomas and his friends. Oh right! Cameron's bear too 111 put him on the phone."

Elana caught sight of Cameron not far away. She quickly ran over and pressed her phone against Cameron's **face**.

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Then she blinked urgently at Cameron.

As Cameron was holding a glass of beer at that juncture, the sudden lunge from Eliana sent his beer spilling over his hand and the frothy liquid **splashed all** over his tanned **hand**

He looked downward for a split second and put the beer glass away without missing a beat. He then took the phone with the other hand. "Hello?"

Owen's voice could be heard from the phone. "Oh, it's you, Cameron. Are you in the same gathering **too**?"

Cameron's clear eyes shifted to Eliana who was still blinking furiously at him. He replied calmly, "Yes, we are just **hanging** out for a while. Don't worry, Owen. We'll go **back** soon."

With Cameron around, Owen would not worry anymore. That was because Owen knew **that** Cameron did not fool around.

"Alright, I'm relieved. That brat Thomas is unreliable. Make sure you send Eliana back **later**."

As the speaker mode was not turned on, Eliana had to lean over Cameron's shoulder to hear what was **saying**

After hearing what Owen said, Eliana immediately replied happily, "Yeah, I'll go back soon, Owen!"

Because she was **leaning** so close to **him**, Cameron could smell the faint scent of floral shampoo in the air. Her hair was brushing against his hand which was still holding her phone and it felt ticklish.....

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After the call ended. Eliana took her phone back. She had made use of Cameron again. "Thank you.

you, my brother would definitely be

Cameron took two tissues to wipe the beer stains on his hand. He said calmly. "Are you making use of me?"

Eliana was taken aback for a moment. "Huh? **No**" Only then did she realize that she **had** spilled Cameron's glass of beer.

"Why don't I get you another beer? With **that**, Eliana picked up the beer bottle on the table and was about to pour

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Thomas reached out to **stop** her. "Why w

would I want to **drink** so much? This is beer, not a health supplement.

"Time" Eliana put down the beer bottle sullenly.

Cameron tossed away the tissue and glanced at her before **asking**, "What brand of shampoo are you using? It smells quite nice."

"You mean the floral scent? That's not shampoo. That's essential oil. You like it? Then I'll send the link to you when I get back"

At this moment, Thomas Davis walked toward them with a ruddy **face**. "What essential oil? Are you guys going for a back massage later?"

Both Cameron and Eliana stared at him

In the next instant, Eliana covered her nose. "Eew! You stink"

Thomas bent down slightly and sniffed his body. "No, I don't! Eliana, how dare you... Here, have **a** sniff. I don't stink, okay!

He hunched forward and stuck out his arm out for Eliana to smell. However, before he could get close to Eliana, Cameron reached out and grabbed his arm with some force. The pain was sufficient to sober Thomas up.

"**Ouch**" Cameron, you almost killed me. Are **you** still my good buddy!"

Thomas yanked his arm back and massaged the sore spot. "Damn, that hurt!"

Cameron gave a quizzical look. "Are you sober now?"

Landon Mitchell and Adam Hall approached them at this point. "Tommy is asking for a beating. That's what his thick skin is for

Adam chimed in, "Exactly. Cameron, you mustn't indulge him."

Thomas spun around and glared at them indignantly. "What are you two yelping on and on about?"

"Oh, **yeah!** What are you gonna **do**."

Landon and Adam continued their taunting and Thomas started elbowing them and kicking them in the butt. Soon, the three were entangled in a

Cameron shook **his** head helplessly and leaned back in his chair.

The realization hit Eliana then. No wonder her brother only trusted Cameron-

Cameron was the most trustworthy among the four of them. The other three were simply unreliable. This was particularly true of her cousin Thaan. He was downright reckless.

With Cameron's aloof personality, loving three such buddies by his side was sort of complementary to his character.

After all,

after all, if all four of the

were like Cameron, it would be so boring to hang out with them.

Eliana observed Cameron quietly. He was leaning against the back of the **chair** casually. The illumination **above** his head added an air of warmth to his stern temperament. His facial features resembled a painting that was noble and otherworldly.

Sensing Eliana's eyes on him, Cameron turned around and met her

A sunny smile felt like a beam of sunlight that shot straight into his heart...

Eliana gave him **a** sunny smile. Cameron froze momentarily. That's

It was already the wee hours of the morning when Cameron sent Eliana back.

As soon as Eliana got out of

her, her pet Luachie pounced on her. Eliana caught it and used its paws to wave goodbye to Cameron. "Bye-bye!"

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Cameron's eyes glowed with gentle warmth. "Goodnight"

After making sure Elana had entered her home, he rolled up the window and instructed t
he dry

The second round of the school belle competition ended and Eliana won the top spot All
the top 10 advanced to the next round.

In the final ranking, Willow Garcia slid down from seventh to ninili place. Nonetheless, s
he was still lucky enough to progress to the third round.

However, now that Willow could no longer use vote–
rigging, it was impossible for her to rely on valid votes to overtake Eliana.

The your count for the third round was based on the previous no rounds, so there was n
o doubt that Eliana would be the next school belle of

Instead University.

Moreover, the official video of her stunning dance **at** the Fall Festival had already been
played almost a million times on the forum. The video had also been shared more **than**
100 thousand times.

No one could win Eliana now. Willow knew that it **was** futile, so she stopped fighting.

After a few days of truce, something happened in the lecture hall.

On **this** day, the lecturer led a guy and a girl into the lecture hall.

The girl's appearance was exquisite and she had dewy **eyes** like water.

The guy had bright eyes framed by **well**–
defined eyebrows. He **had** a faint air of elegance about him.

Elana was copying notes while Stella was playing a match–three mobile game.

The lecturer announced. "Can I have everyone's attention, please! Let me introduce you
to these two **new** students."

Stella gently poked Eliana's hand. "Eli."

Eliana stopped **writing** and raised her head. The two newcomers up **front** were giving s
elf–
introductions. "Hello, everyone. My name is Wendy Hall. I just transferred to Isonstead

University. This is my older twin brother, Shane Hall. It's a pleasure for me to join all of you in this course."

Tim Shane. Hello, everyone.."

Wendy and Shane Hall Stella and Eliana were taken **aback** when they heard their names.

Back then, when they went to watch a movie, **Eliana** and her friends were all **discussing** how **Adam** Hall had become an older brother out of the **blur** and how the two illegitimate children had returned from Whartonburg with the intention of fighting him for the family assets.

It seemed that Landon Mitchell was right. These two newcomers must be those two illegitimate children and they would be in **Eliana's** class in the

Hilaria **and** Stella exchanged knowing looks. Stella also realized that these two were the twins they were **talking** about at then.

the movie theater back

She whispered to Eliana, "Eli, these two are the ones we **discussed** the last time..."

"Oh my god!" Stella groaned under her breath

The appearance of Wendy and Shane made Eliana all something else.

Previously, when she was listening to her **friends** talking at the movie theater, she had no recollection of these twins **at all**. Now that she saw Wendy and Shane's faces, she suddenly remembered. Wendy and Willow were close **friends**.

Wonder she could remember in her previous life, Eliana had to **work part time** in addition **to** attending classes.

She had no contact with Thomas Davis and his clique, so she naturally did not know Adam Hall.

Therefore, she did not know that Wendy and Shane had familial **ties** with Adam.

Now, she was able to connect the dots,

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In Eliana's memory, not long after Wendy joined her class, she grew very close to Willow. The two of them went everywhere **together**.

After making their debuts, Willow and Wendy maintained a good relationship. They participated in variety shows together and even showed off

their suster

love in front of the camera

Based on Eliana's understanding of Willow's character. Willow could never have a "bestie" with an ordinary family background

Wendy hailed from the Hall family, which was why Willow was on good terms with her.

The big picture was clear now. Eliana lowered her head. She did not have a good feeling about Wendy at all.

In her previous life. Eliana rarely interacted with Wendy, but they had **a** conflict once.

One day during vocal class. Eliana caught a cold because she had to work part-time. Her voice was hoarse and she had to get some water to **take** her medicine. Wendy also happened to be getting water as well.

There was not much water left in the water dispenser. Eliana was lucky enough to get the last batch of water which had just been heated.

When it was Wendy's turn, there was no more water.

Eliana saw that there was a full giant refill bottle of water beside her which she could use to replace the empty giant bottle on the dispenser. Therefore, she suggested kindly to Wendy that they work together to swap the empty bottle with this new one.

To her surprise. Wendy mocked her in a derisive fashion. "If I drink this thing, I will end up with acne all over my **face** just like you, won't

Indeed, back then, Eliana's face was full of acne no thanks to Willow who caused her to have an allergic reaction. She already felt very self-conscious because of it.

Wendy's mocking words only made her feel even more embarrassed. However, she did not say anything. She simply took her glass of water and turned to **leave**.

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Perhaps Eliana's silence emboldened Wendy, so much so that she reached out **and** pushed Eliana.

Eluana was caught off guard. She stumbled and the hot water in the **glass** splashed on her arm. Subsequently, she had blisters on this part of

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Eliana's shout of pain attracted the attention of the other students and teachers.

Wendy subsequently led to the lecturer and said that it was Eliana who lost her balance and accidentally tripped

And Eliana did not have any evidence to prove that Wendy was the one who pushed her. At that time, there were no other witnesses. Even if someone had seen it, they would not have stepped forward to vouch for Eliana and offend Wendy, the rich family's daughter.

Therefore, Eliana could only swallow this injustice

That incident gave Eliana a new understanding of Wendy. Wendy was no less despicable than Willow

This was not the only case of friction with Wendy. Thereafter, Eliana heard some rumors

rumors within the industry

People said that Wendy's character **was** obnoxious. When she was doing recording for shows, she liked to "throw her to scold people without moving her own mouth so as to avoid getting condensed. Her attitude toward the production staff was very bad and she bullied newcomers...

Eliana didn't think that these rumors were unfounded. After all, Wendy's character was indeed as vile as rumored.

It was a pity that

- Eliana was not acquainted with Adam Hall in her previous life. Hence, she did not know the outcome of the Hall family's internal strife.

No wonder Autumn told **Eliana** and her friends at the movie theater that these twins were not to be trifled with

Willow Garcia was sitting in the middle of the front row. When Wendy introduced herself, Willow immediately recognized her

Willow remembered clearly that Wendy was the daughter of the Hall family in Dratara City

City, but she was an illegitimate daughter.

But that was not important. What was important was **that** Wendy's mother was a very famous actress in the Whartonburg entertainment industry,

Hannah Sommer

As long as she could be on good terms with Wendy, she would have another connection in the entertainment industry in the future.

Other than the fact that Wendy's mother was Hannah Sommer, there was another important reason why Willow wanted to be on good terms with Wendy. In her previous life, in her memory, Eliana's biggest competitor in the entertainment industry was Wendy

Relying on her mother's network and resources, Wendy was able to rise rapidly despite being a newcomer. She was every i

ny inch a resource-rich celebrity.

In the entertainment **industry**, Wendy and Eliana were competitors for top billing. Whoever was Eliana's **opponent**, Willow would rope her in

After the self-introductions, the lecturer said, "Alright Find a **place** to sit down. Come to my office later to get the lecture notes

Wendy smiled brightly. "Sure"

There were many empty seats near the dais, Wendy's gaze swept **across** the lecture hall and landed on Eliana and Stella, who were sitting by the window in the back row.

Seeing that there were many empty seats near Eliana and Stella, Wendy said to Shane, "Shane, let's sit in the back row. There are

are many empty seats.

Shane murmured in the affirmative.

At this moment, Willow took the initiative to befriend the twins. "**Wendy**, you can sit here with your brother. This row has the best seat

Wendy first glanced at Willow. Then she looked at the back row **again**. The students in the front, middle, and back rows were very **segregated** clearly as if there was a watershed between them.

one at near them

There were only Eliana and Stella in the **back** row, and no one sat near

In that instant, Wendy understood that the two people in the back row were probably ostracized in this class.

No one knew better than Wendy how it felt to be ostracized.

This was because the siblings had been ostracized **and** mucked in **class since** **ce** they were young because they did not have a father.

Wendy hated this feeling. She didn't want to be ostracized anymore.

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"Shane, let's sit here then" When the twins sat down next to Willow, she smiled and said, "Let me introduce myself. My name is Willow Garcia. I hope we can become very good friends in the future?"

"That would be great. Wendy smiled

Just like that, Willow became Wendy's first friend in the new school

Willow approached Wendy with a goal in mind, so she invited Wendy to join her as soon as class ended.

In less than half a day, the two of them were sticking together like glue...

At noon, in the school cafeteria.

Stella

did not know Wendy well, but when she saw that Wendy was hanging out with Willow, she said in disdain. "Birds of a feather flock together. This Wendy is probably not a good person"

Eliana chuckled when she heard Stella. "You're such a good judge of character, Stella"

Eliana do you also think that they're not good people?"

I don't know yet Let's wait and see" Eliana gave a noncommittal reply.

Eliana had already seen Wendy's character in her previous life. However, she had yet to come into contact with Shane Hall.

Shane was probably Adam Hall's biggest rival for the family business. His scheming and shrewdness would not be inferior to Wendy's.

Previously at the movie theater, Landon Mitchell and his clique had said that if Shane Hall dared to **show** up, they would teach him a lesson. Eliana didn't know anything else.

In any case, Shane probably would not **have a** good time at the **university**.

A few days later, Willow introduced Wendy to the dance club.

Hannah Sommer had high expectations for Wendy and Shane when they were young and trained them intensively. Although Wendy and Shane were transfer students who joined the class midway, they were able to catch up with their studies very quickly.

They were undoubtedly outstanding. Coupled with Wendy and Shane's good looks, they became famous in the acting department in just a few days. There were even people who confessed to them anonymously on the campus bulletin board and asked if they were single.

Wendy's *modus operandi* was similar to Willow's. They both liked to use gifts to win over fellow students.

The fastest way to win people's hearts was simply showering them with gifts. That was how people like Wendy and Willow got others in their hip pockets.

On this day in gym class, Eliana and Stella **were** chatting during the break.

A gust of wind blew past, bringing with it the sound of voices and the faint woody scent

"Wendy, your perfume smells quite nice. What brand is it? I want to buy one for myself out of high-grade perfume.

"Oh, my perfume! You won't be able to buy it **anymore**. My mom gave it to me. It's from her vintage perfume collection. It's worth the price of our villa now. If you like it, I can give you a small sample bottle later, a **second** voice replied.

"Great! It sure smells nice"

At the side, Shaeryl Zucker **said**. "The scent of this high-grade perfume is indeed different. Wendy, it's **a** shame you came too late. If you had co

me earlier, you would have been in time for the school belle competition. If you had also participated, a certain someone wouldn't even stand a chance"

Charlene **Huru** also piped up. "That's right, that's right. If you had also participated in the competition, Willow probably wouldn't have been

Wendy was puzzled. "Huh? Who bullied Willow?"

The girls all glanced at Eliana and Stella, who were sitting not far away.

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"Who else! She's sitting just over there..."

Willow interrupted the two girls. "Don't bring it up anymore. Although I wanted to get a good ranking in the school belle competition, I didn't have a choice this time. I don't know what happened in that incident involving my votes either. Perhaps I'm just unlucky. Sigh."

not bad luck. It's no doubt someone's doing!"

"Some people are just so insidious. They get jealous of you and can't bear to see you doing well. Such people will not amount to anything and will just rot in the gutter for the rest of their lives"

Although they did not name

name anyone, everyone

knew that they were scolding

Eliana and Stella.

Eliana and Stella exchanged knowing glances. They would not get mad, they would get even

When the break time **was** over, the students began to practice the Moon Salutation

postures.

Stella's butt humped squarely into Sharryl and the latter fell face down with a thump. Her front teeth accidentally bit her lips and made her gasp in pain Sharryl scrambled up and held her mouth as she snapped "Stella!

You blind?"

a Stewart! Are

Stella changed her posture and said leisurely, "I'm **sorry**. My mom has always complimented me since I **was** young for **having** a big butt, good health, **and** a long life. I'm not like some people who have short lives and are talkative like some wheezing windbag

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Sharryl had already experienced the prowess of Stella's sharp tongue in the past. Since **si** in bury:

she knew she couldn't beat Stella, she simply glared at Stella.

At this moment, the gym instructor turned around and saw Sharryl. She chided her, "Sharryl, why are you standing up!

out of claw?"

upt Dro you want to get kicked

"Then keep up with the claw!" the gym instructor barked sternly.

„Nes" Sharryl) could only suffer in silence.

revenge. She wanted to stick out her leg and trip Stella up when she was not paying

After gym class ended, Charlene wanted to help Sharryl take revenge

attention

However, she did not succeed because Eliana kicked the yoga mat up and it covered Charlene's feet just in time.

Unaware, Stella turned around and stepped on Charlene's foot hidden by the yoga mat, Charlene howled in pain at once,

Stella shot Charlene a glance and said icily. I've never seen such an idiot who is dumb enough to stick her foot out for others to **step** on. Eli, let's

"Okay" Eliana picked up her small **bag** and left the gym studio with Stella.

Wendy, who was standing in an obscure corner, witnessed the entire incident. She narrowed her eyes slightly with an ambiguous expression. She was surprised that Eliana was quite sharp

Previously, when Eliana was filling in the club registration form, she happened to see Stella's birthday. It was the **day** after tomorrow

Since Stella was her good friend. Eliana naturally had to give her a birthday gift. However, she did not know what to get Stella

In the end, at her mother Lucy's suggestion, Eliana decided to give a bottle of perfume.

Eliana knew Stella's **character well**. She was the type to return a gift of equal value. Therefore, Eliana deliberately did not tell Stella the price of this bottle of perfume and only **said** vaguely **that** it was a few hundred bucks

In reality, this bottle of perfume was a limited edition released by Elle's perfumery this season. Moreover, because the brand was so niche, most of the fragrances were customized for private individuals and so the company did not **have** any retail counters. The perfume could only be bought by placing orders **via** special channels.

This perfume was so rare that it **was** almost priceless. Although perfume **was** hard to get hold of, fortunately, **Lucy** had her connections.

Therefore, Eliana was able to give the perfume to Stella on her birthday.

When Stella received the gift box, she was shocked, "Wow, Ell this. this can't be cheap! Even the packaging looks expensive.

Eliana replied **casually**. "Nah, just open it and see if you like it. My mom and I picked it together."

Stella gazed at the exquisite packaging and could not bear to tear the beautiful seal inside.

As soon as the gift box was opened, a very pleasant rose aroma wafted out. What greeted her eyes was an exquisite vintage round bottle. The liquid inside was burgundy, like red wine

"Wow! So it's perfume? Stella was pleasantly surprised.

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"I think you'll like this scent," Eliana said eagerly.

Stella could not bear to take the bottle **out**. She appeared **very** touched **as** she looked at Eliana. "This is my very first bottle of perfume. Sob, sob! I usually steal **a** quick squirt from my mom's perfume bottle. I **love you** so much, Eli

Eliana smiled. "**I'm** also very happy to be the one to give **you**

you your very first bottle of perfume. It's even better if **you also** like the scent."

"How can I not like it! I absolutely love it Stella almost cried.

When she test-sprayed a little, the perfume was a rose **scent**. It was not **rich**, but it was very long-lasting. It was the same smell **as** the scent that wafted out of the gift box **just** now.

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Stella gushed repeatedly. "This is the nicest perfume I've ever come across?"

"Haha! It's good as long as you like it"

After receiving the gift, Stella was on cloud nine for the rest of the day

In the afternoon, during gym class, Sheryl kept smelling the rose scent near Stella and Eliana

The smell was really very lovely. It was faint and indistinct as if a rose garden had bloomed around them. It was not pungent at all and was able to **make** people intoxicated. It could even uplift moods.

Sharry was not the only one who noticed this scent. There were also a few others.

During the break, these girls discussed heatedly.

You girl smelled it Yeah. I smelled it too"

"This perfume smells so classy. I've never come across it before"

No one could accurately describe the smell of this perfume. They only felt **that** it smelled very nice.

Only Wendy **crossed** her arms and identified the perfume correctly. If I'm not wrong, it should be Elle's new Blanche scent."

"Elle" Everyone stared blankly

Wendy explained. "Actually, it's not a brand name. It's a person's name because Elle is named after its founder.

"Elle **is** a perfumery that customizes **fragrances** in the northern territory. It is **luxurious but** very niche. Only people who like to collect perfumes know this brand. However, when it comes to custom-designed perfumes, other than the richest women among the rich women, ordinary folks like you girls won't know"

At this point, Wendy was a little proud. The entire wall of my mom's house is filled with perfumes, and no less than ten bottles are Elle's custom-designed scents

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In other words, her mother was one of the richest women among rich women.

Customizing perfume for **an individual** was very costly because the different scents needed to be tested one by one until the customer was satisfied. The process consumed a lot of materials and it took a long time to perfect the final scent.

Every scent test was equivalent to **burning** money.

Therefore, if one did not **have a** six-digit budget, they would **not** be able to order their own personal scent customized by Elle

Hannah Sommer loved **to** collect perfume, so naturally, Wendy had come across many high-end luxury perfumes

"There's a big difference between high-quality fragrance and cheap perfume. Previously, I **have** come across Elle's Blanche which is a newly launched scent this season. It's definitely Blanche."

As Hannah Sommer was a VIP client of Elle's perfumery, Elle's client relations manager had sent her a sample to try out the **scent** half a **year ago** before Blanche was launched.

Wendy had also smelled it before. She had remembered this unique cool rose smell until now. As the scent was too unique, there **was** a very low chance that other similar scents existed.

When

Wendy smelled the scent, she was certain **that** it would be **a** hit once it was released.

However, Wendy was very curious. Elle's new scent was a limited production perfume. How did this scent appear in gym class! Furthermore, the scent originated from Eliana **and** Stella.

Wendy knew very well how difficult it was to get hold of Elle's perfume

Elle didn't **release** new perfumes very often. The retail versions were only released once every two years while the limited-production versions were

even rarer.

Blanche **was** sold out within five seconds after it was placed on the shelves. Wendy had **also** asked someone **to** buy one for her but she had not

perceived it yet

When Willow heard Wendy's explanation, she exclaimed in surprise, "Gosh, it can't be such a coincidence!"

"Willow, what's wrong?"

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Willow frowned and looked puzzled "Actually, you are right, Wendy. This perfume is Elle's Blanche. I brought a vial today. Didn't you give me a sample vial of a fragrance perfume last time! I specially brought it to share with you this time. But I haven't sprayed this perfume yet. Why is the

scent on them! It's **really** strange?

When the first of the girls heard Willow's words, they were stunned for a moment. Then they became incensed.

"I know. Someone must have stolen your perfume! They're thieves

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How can Stella Stewart afford such an expensive perfume! Did Wendy say that this perfume is priceless! You can't even

"Stella doesn't come from a rich family, her family is just an ordinary working class family. She must have stolen it. Masryl insisted she

quit" Charlene nodded.

"Well, don't panic. We'll settle the score with her later

gymnast. They would scold her with her inlay

Sharry and Charlene still bore a grudge against Stella for what happened in the previous gym

After class, Flana and Stella left the students to change their clothes

Elana finished changing first and called out to Stella "Stella, Fin

"Okay, I'll see you outside," Stella hollered back, Elana then left the dressing room.

Not long after Elana left, Sharry, Charlene, and the other girls surrounded Stella,

Willow and Wendy stand behind them and watched silently.

"Stella, are you wearing perfume today? **Take** it out and show us." **Charlene** spoke first.

Stella

ripped up her bag and turned to look at them. "Why should I show it

The perfume was a gift from Elana. Stella couldn't even bear to use it herself, she only tested—

sprayed it when she was unwrapping it. Why should she show her gift to these lackeys of Willow's!

Stella couldn't even be bothered to look at them. She picked up her bag and got ready to leave.

However, Sharry blocked her way and demanded once more. "Take out the perfume"

"Yeah, if you don't take it out, we won't let you go!" (

"Charlene added

“Why Do you want to cause trouble? Do you think I will get cold feet just because Lam o utrumbered?” Stella playesi tennis a hand, she shoved Shacryl any.

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it shove almost made Sheryl topple i

often. With just one

Stella gave a **sneer**. “You skinny chics still want to bully other people with your pung strength You’ve messed with the wrong person!”

She strode forward. Just as she was about to exit the changing mini, sonicone grabbed her bag.

Stella thought it was Shaeryl **again**. When she woung around abruptly, she saw that it w as Wendy.

| do you want!” Stella raised her voice.

Wendy held Stella’s bog firmly and chuckled. “Show us the perfume and I’ll let you go.”.

“Why should I show it to you?”

“Because you stole

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perfume belongs to

to Willow!

Stella instantly exploded. “What did you say? Who stole what?”

“Show me the perfume if you didn’t steal iff Wendy demanded.

“That’s right. **Take** at out!”

“Take out the perfume? The other girls began harangsing Stella.

“Why should we **waste** so much time on someone like heat Why don’t we just snatch he r bag?”

The perfume was in Stella’s bag. All the girls made a grab for her bag

Stella fought vigorously to hold on to her bag and not let them snatch it away. However, she was

Just as she was about to lose her grip on her bag. Eliana barged into the changing room and stood at the door with the light behind her. Heri loomed over all the girls.

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Everyone who was snatching Stella's bag froze at once and stared at Eliana.

Eliana stared at them icily. Her gaze was ominous and sinister, and her threatening demeanor made all the girls subconsciously release the bag.

Stella quickly hugged her bag tightly in her arms. "El!"

Prior to this, Eliana and Stella had agreed to meet outside, but Eliana waited for a long while and did not see Stella, she returned to the changing

The next thing she knew, she came face-to-face with this group of troublemakers.

Eliana strode into the changing room "Stella, are

you okay? They tried to grab my bag"

are you okay!

Previously, Stella was alone and the group of girls had no scruples in **taking** action. Now that Eliana had returned, they were not **as** arrogant as before.

Sharryl spoke first, "Eliana, it's good that you're back. Willone lost her perfume, and the fragrance is the same scent that you two are wearing. So we want to check Stella's bag. That's not too much to ask for, is it?"

Charlee chimed in. "Yeah, if you two didn't **steal** it, then prove it!"

Eliana gave a scornful sort. "High! You want us to prove it if we didn't steal it? Listen to your own logic. Do you have holes in your **brain**?"

Who gave all of you the right to search our belongings without permission! If suspicion alone **can** convict a person, then I suspect that your brain is filled with mud. Do you want to open your brain for me to see?"

None of the girls spoke a word.

Willows stepped forward and said. "Eliana, they're all doing this for me. Don't be so **angry**. If Stella doesn't want to show it to us, we can only **look** for the instructor. Stealing is very bad. It will definitely be a serious demerit!"

gets out of hand. Stella will receive

Sharry gloated. "That's right I heard that the instructor **is** evaluating the star student this month. If **this** matter **g** demer points. The instructor will never let her off!

Stella retorted, "Don't you spout nonsense!"

Eliana was calm and indifferent. "Alright. If that's what you want, let's look for an instructor."

Willow flinched **slightly**. Initially, she just **wanted** to take the opportunity to deflate their **egos** a little.

Buy Elle's perfume? That was impossible. No, it

To her surprise, Eliana was so denant that she wanted to look for an instructor. 'Did this bitch really buy was definitely impossible!"

She would never believe it unless they showed her the perfume.

After a while, the whole group arrived at the office.

After the instructor listened to everyone, he asked gravely. "There's also a probability th at this could be a similar perfume from a different brand Willow, why are you so sure tha t your perfume has been stolen by them?"

Willow answered. "Sir, **you** might not know this, but this particular Elle's perfume can't **possibly** be replicated because it has just been put on the shelves not long ago. Besides , we can all recognize the scent. Wendy can also vouch for us!"

Wendy nodded. "Sir, Im very sensitive to perfume scent. I am quite certain **about** the sc ent's brand."

The instructor looked at those girls worriedly before turning to Eliana and Stella

"Can't they buy it themselves?" The instructor asked again.

Sheryl and **Charlene** burst into disdainful laughter. "Sir, you might not know this, but cur rently Elle's perfume is almost priceless because it is very hard to come by!"

"The price is about to reach an astronomical price. How can Stella afford it?" **Shaeryl** jeered

“That’s right,” Charlene smirked.

Sheryl and Charlene also grew up in ordinary **working-class** families. However, she became emboldened enough to mock Stella

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to their close relationship with Willow and Wendy, they

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They did not even know about this brand at first, yet now, they had the nerve to laugh at other people. The instructor felt offended by these girls

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When Stella heard what Sheryl and Charlene said, she **was** shocked. She did not realize that the perfume Elana **gave** her was so expensive.

Elana even told her that it was **only** a few hundred bucks, and she foolishly believed her.

If not for these two clowns revealing the truth about the perfume’s origin, Stella would have treated this bottle of perfume as being worth a few hundred bucks. She could not even imagine how expensive its real price was,

However, even so, Stella had no doubt that this perfume was bought by Elana and not stolen.

The instructor looked at Stella. “Stella, in that case, just show them the perfume.”

Elana interjected at this point. “Sir, if we take out the perfume and prove that it isn’t stolen, how are you going to deal with this matter?”

The instructor thought for a moment. He was going to choose the star student this month. It was best if nothing happened in the class. If there **was** a theft, it would affect his selection

It would have been fine if the so-called stolen item was an ordinary thing, but this bottle of perfume **was** so expensive. If the theft allegation turned out to be true, it would have to be reported and the disciplinary action would be proportionately more severe, not to mention higher demerit

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He could forget about his star student selection in that case.

To top it all, Willow and Wendy were both daughters of wealthy families while Eliana was the daughter of a **university** board member.

He could not afford to offend either side. He was also in a difficult position.

Billet for a month. That's not too much, it just

Eliana happily gave a suggestion. "How about this! It's proven in the end that we didn't steal it, we'll punish Willow and Wendy with cleaning the